

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**Attorney Docket No. CNH0001**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Reissue Application of

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Reissue Application of U.S. Patent  
6,511,374 B2 issued on January 28, 2003

Filed: Herewith

For: **HUB AND BLADE ASSEMBLY FOR AN AGRICULTURAL COMBINE RESIDUE  
HANDLING SYSTEM**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Amend the specification by inserting before column 1, line 7:**

This application is a reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,511,374 B2 issued from Application  
serial number 09/776,091, filed February 2, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein  
by reference.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please add the following new claims beginning at column 10, line 33.**

11. A chopper and discharge apparatus for use with a combine harvester having a  
combine harvester body, means for discharging separated straw from a rear discharge area of the  
combine harvester body, and means mounting the apparatus on the combine harvester body at a  
position adjacent the rear discharge area for receiving straw therefrom, the apparatus comprising;